

Application No.: 09/784,889
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-65 are pending. Claims 1-65 have been rejected. Claims 1-25, 35-48, 56-59, and 64-65 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Entry of the cancellation of these claims is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the remarks below.

Examiner Interview

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the courtesy extended to their representatives by Examiner Lena Najarian and Supervisory Examiner Joseph Thomas during the telephonic interview on August 8, 2006. During the course of the interview, the rejection of claim 26 was discussed. Specifically, claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US-2001/0051880 A1 to Schurenberg et al. (hereinafter, "Schurenberg"). At the time of the interview, Applicants' representatives proposed that Schurenberg does not disclose the feature of claim 26 that information including data for generating a label is transmitted "from the central computer to the client computer." The Examiners did not identify any disclosure of such feature in the Schurenberg reference.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by Schurenberg. Claim 26 includes a feature neither disclosed nor suggested by Schurenberg, namely, the step of:

transmitting information ... from the central computer to the client computer, the information including data for generating a test requisition and a label

The Examiner alleges that this feature is disclosed in paragraph 4, lines 12-16 and in paragraph 55 of Schurenberg. However, Schurenberg does not disclose transmitting from the central computer to the client computer information including data for generating a label.

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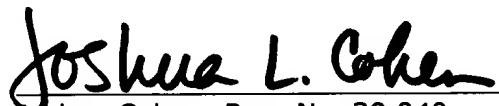
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In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully request therefore that the rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) be withdrawn. Claims 27-34 depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 26 and, thus, are likewise not subject to rejection for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 26. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request therefore that the rejection of claims 27-34 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) be withdrawn.

Independent claims 49, 51, 60 and 63 include a feature similar to that described above regarding claim 26. In view of the remarks above regarding claim 26, Applicants respectfully request therefore that the rejection of claims 49, 51, 60 and 63 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) be withdrawn. Claims 50, 52-55 and 61-62 depend (directly or indirectly) from claims 49, 51 and 60, respectively and, thus, are likewise not subject to rejection for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 26. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request therefore that the rejection of claims 50, 52-55 and 61-62 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) be withdrawn.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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